

However, the average amount of S&E research space per institution has declined since 1992 (Table 1-4). This decline resulted solely from a decline in the average amount of research space in doctorate-granting institutions that are not in the top 100. At these institutions, the average amount of S&E research space dropped from 154 thousand NASF in 1992 to 141 thousand NASF in 1994. During that same period, the average amount of research space at the top 100 institutions increased from 875 thousand to 910 thousand NASF. At nondoctorate-granting institutions, the average space increased slightly, from 20 thousand to 22 thousand NASF.

Table 1-4. Trends in the amount of science and engineering research space per institution by institution type: 1988–1994
[Mean net assignable square feet in thousands]

<i>Institution type</i>	<i>1988</i>	<i>1990</i>	<i>1992</i>	<i>1994</i>
Total	214	222	232	225
Doctorate-granting	367	380	399	382
Top 100 in research expenditures	806	817	875	910
Other	139	153	154	141

How Much S&E Space Was Leased?

Some universities and colleges lease academic and research space. In 1994, research-performing universities and colleges leased 2 percent of their total S&E research space. (See Table 1-5 on the following page.) In 1994, the top 100 institutions leased the highest percentage of their S&E research space, 4.9 percent, continuing an upward trend from previous years. Other doctorate-granting institutions leased 2 percent of their total S&E research space, and nondoctorate-granting institutions leased less than 1 percent of their total S&E research space.